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SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES: UK WELCOMES SE WOLPE'S APPOINTMENT  
AND LOOKS FORWARD TO GREATER COORDINATION

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¶1. (C) Summary: UK Government officials, including FCO Africa Director Adam Wood, East Africa and Great Lakes Department deputy head Graham 2 Wood: Welcomes Coordination, Indicates No UK Special Envoy, and Discusses Dealing with the LRA -----

¶2. (S) SE Wolpe met with a wide range of UK Government officials and NGOs during a September 7-8 visit to London, all of whom welcomed the USC Sharing Analysis on the Region -----

¶3. (C) FCO Great Lakes and East Africa Department deputy head Graham Zebedee and Great Lakes team leader Nne-Nne Iwuji-Eme led an inter-agency DRC Elections -----

¶4. (C) On the DRC elections, UK officials agreed with the assessment that the presidential elections could be largely a non-event if President LRA ---

¶5. (C) On the LRA, Zebedee offered that it would likely take a prohibitive increase in MONUC's size to make a difference. The international cc Economic Integration Is The Way Forward -----

¶6. (C) Zebedee highlighted the UK's view that economic integration is the best way to "entrench diplomatic rapprochement." Initiatives like ¶ The UK's New Strategy Review on the DRC -----

¶7. (C) FCO Strategy Unit Director Cat Tully outlined the FCO's recently completed DRC strategy document (reported on in detail in reftel A). The Contact Group Meeting in October -----

¶8. (C) In a separate working lunch, Zebedee expressed the FCO's desire to provide input into the Contact Group meeting's agenda and for the gr FDLR ----

¶9. (C) On tackling the FDLR, Zebedee said there had "not been enough return on investment in SSR." He agreed that a more politically savvy st Sexual and Gender-Based Violence -----

¶10. (C) Zebedee said the UK sees sexual and gender-based violence as "a symptom of the conflict and the lack of discipline in the military." Economics in East -----

¶11. (C) In a separate meeting, DFID Senior Political Analyst Nick Bates said that getting the economics right would be of huge benefit to the NGO Roundtable -----

¶12. (U) Convened by the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes, representatives of London-based international NGOs (including Oxfam,

¶13. (U) SE Wolpe cleared this cable. Visit London's Classified Website: XXXXXXXXXXXX  
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